

EASTERN ITEMS.

ENORMOUS WELL OF NATURAL GAS DISCOVERED.

Costs a Quarter to Hear Him—American Ladies Imprisoned—Henry George Given a Dinner—An Entrance to Toronto.

Chinese are pouring into Mexico. Yellow fever is making terrible progress in Mexico.

Seven hundred men are at work on the Nicaragua Canal.

The Bennington Battle Monument is now 190 feet high.

The New York Central has secured an entrance to Toronto.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall has been again prostrated by illness.

The Standard Oil Company is grabbing all the gas lands loose.

August 15th is set for the trial of the new cruiser Baltimore.

An air-line railroad from Tampa, Fla., to Chicago is projected.

It has cost New York about \$200,000 to conduct the hoodie trials.

A rabid dog bit four persons at Hoboken, N. J., last week.

Porpoise-shooting with the rifle is a sport for Cape May visitors.

The longest row of corn in the world is in Waubesa county, Kan.

Two of Oklahoma's new counties are named Harrison and Cleveland.

The natural gas companies of Ohio and Indiana are talking consolidation.

At Malone, N. Y., 300 New York children are having a two week's outing.

The court-martial to try ex-Commandant Fletcher at Omaha is now in session.

The barbers of Philadelphia have decided to keep their shops closed on Sunday.

The number of prominent Americans now in London and Paris is unprecedented.

Thirty-four Philadelphia school buildings have developed defective drainage all at once.

May 1, 1890, has been fixed for eight-hour demonstrations throughout Europe and America.

It is represented that the rearrangement of the Ottawa Cabinet is giving much trouble.

Chicago claims the Exposition of 1892 on the ground that she has more room for it than New York.

Seven hundred operatives at the Fish Back Rolling Mills at Pottsville, Penn., struck for an increase of pay.

To make the battlefield of Gettysburg a complete memorial it is proposed that the rebel lines also shall be marked.

Out of the 773 delegates elected to the New Jersey Prohibition Convention last week, but 370, or less than half, attended.

It is now estimated that 23,000,000 bushels of wheat will be sent to market from the country along the Manitoba railroad.

Three editors were arrested at Williamsport, Penn., charged with sending obscene and lewd literature through the mails.

About the only thing that the re-submission flurry in Kansas has accomplished is to revive the State Temperance Union.

Twelve acres in Prince George county, Va., have sunk about sixty feet, and a lake two acres wide has formed upon its surface.

The assessment of the city of Nashville for this year shows an increase of \$1,000,000 in property value over last year's assessment.

The new electric road to Bay Ridge, near Baltimore, just opened, is running satisfactorily and carrying crowds of passengers.

Henry George was given a dinner at Brighton Beach last week, at which he predicted the ultimate success of his land-tax system.

Deaths are numerous in the Conemaugh Valley, Penn., largely the result of the severe mental and physical suffering the people have endured.

There has recently been a wild boom at Ashland, Wis., which has just collapsed and left a number of bankrupts and interesting stories as reminders.

An Elizabeth, N. J., man being pursued by the police, leaped from the third story of his home to the ground and ran off. He wasn't injured in the slightest.

All Kentucky is stirred by the news that an enormous well of natural gas has just been discovered at Cloverport, in Breckinridge county, on the Ohio river.

The latest Mormon party to arrive from Europe numbered 132. One thousand in all are expected this summer. The missionaries complain of their lack of success.

The wealth of the 300 citizens Mayor Grant called together to consider the holding of a great Exposition in New York in 1892, looks up, it is said, fully \$1,500,000.

Trials of the new Wall street and Main street electrical railways in Cincinnati demonstrated their entire satisfactory working, and regular trips are now being made.

The Association of Centenary Firms of Philadelphia has been organized. The association consists of firms that have carried on business in that city for 100 years or more.

ROME AND FARM.

A Pointer for Wheat Growers—Fertilize the Orchard—Rose Insects—Rice Fitters—Remedy for Scour.

Running roses may be tied to trellises now, or they may be injured.

The final touch which makes a dish perfect is always an inspiration.

Eight cents per pound is the cost of sending seeds by mail. The package must not exceed four pounds.

Do not try to cultivate onions deep; if an inch of the surface is kept mellow, and no weeds allowed to grow, it is all the cultivation that will be needed.

Black Cake.—One pound each of flour, butter, sugar and citron, cut fine; two pounds each of raisins and currants; twelve eggs, one tablespoonful each of nutmeg, cinnamon and mace. Bake nearly four hours in a moderately heated oven.

Berry baskets stored in crates in the same manner as when filled with fruit are almost certain to be damaged by the gnawing of mice if the mice have access. If the boxes are nestled together and packed in they crates the are seldom attacked.

Rice Fitters.—Four eggs beaten very light, one pint of milk, one cup of boiled rice, three teaspoons of baking powder in one quart of flour; make into batter and drop into boiling lard. Sauce—One pound of sugar, one and one-half cups of water, stick of cinnamon, boil till clear.

Apple Ginger.—Make a syrup of four pounds of granulated sugar and a pint of water in which cook very slowly four pounds of finely chopped tart apples, peeled and cored, and two ounces of green ginger. Add the grated rind of four lemons. Take it off the stove when it looks clear.

Raw meat chopped fine and fed once a day, will produce more eggs than any other food that can be given the hen. One pound of rough meat to fifteen hens is sufficient. The meat should be lean, and if preferred, may be cooked, but it gives better results when given raw. It is not expensive when the increased number of eggs is considered.

How to Make Clover Silage.—This business is now, or soon will be, in order, and here is a point from a practical man worth deeding. A farmer with considerable experience, who has siloed clover for several years, says if it should be left to wilt on the ground for two hours after cutting, and each day's filling of the silo be allowed to heat before the fresh clover is added, and the sides not the center, kept thoroughly tramped, the clover will come out moist and green, and the cattle will relish it as thoroughly as summer pasture.

Utilizing Dropped Manure.—An Ohio farmer says that a good way to utilize dropped manure in lanes leading from barnyard to fields is to plough and scrape them where the surface is such that this can be done. Many lanes of this kind contain an undisturbed accumulation of years. Build one permanent fence in the middle of a strip wide enough for two lanes, say sixty feet, then build a portable fence out on either side of the lane. When it becomes desirable to plough, remove the portable fence over to the other side for a lane there.

Rose Insects.—The insects most harmful to roses are the green fly, red spider, rose hopper or thrips, and the rose bug and the black slug. Now, though combating these insects involves some little trouble, yet success will attend all persistent efforts. The green fly, the thrips and the black slug can all be kept under by syringing the plants with a solution of whale oil soap. One pound of soap is sufficient for eight gallons of water. Throw the water in a fine spray on the under as well as the upper sides of the leaves. A syringe with a bent nozzle is the best instrument with which to apply the liquid to the lower sides of the leaves. The red spider can be held in check by syringing the leaves with clear water; in dry times this should be done every day. If the rose bug (Mecynotarsus subspinosus) makes its appearance, which is not very often, it can be destroyed by the insect exterminator.

Fertilize the Orchard.—In advocating the maintenance of the fertility of the orchard, Dr. Haskins, of Vermont says he has never yet seen an orchard too rich for profit, nor one upon which the last loads of manure did not pay the most profit. He adds that the most profitable orchard of the William's Favorite apple in the vicinity of Boston is kept "as rich as a barnyard." The fruit is double what might be called the normal size of the variety; every apple is handled like an egg, and marketed at its point of perfection. This orchard is very profitable, though small. An orchard that would rival this is in the city of Montreal, containing thirty-six Fameuse trees, the fruit from which was sold, ungathered, one season, for \$800. The trees were very large and perfectly healthy, and had all to themselves, almost an acre of rich land.

A Point for Wheat Growers.—A gratifying effect of sowing straw thinly over the wheat plants on a very poor spot of land after the ground had frozen has been reported by Mr. Terry, of Ohio. The wheat was benefitted, but the remarkable advantage lay in the good catch and good growth of clover sown in the spring, which extended exactly to the limit of the straw mat—one load to the acre. So says a writer in the Weekly Tribune, who adds that he once owned two fields in which there were spots of the finest and cleanest of loam, on which clover seed always failed because of the surface running together into a compact glaze after the spring frosts, and he could think of no remedy. The straw seems to have prevented the rains from so packing the surface in Mr. Terry's valuable experience, and clover, if it can be made to grow with certainty, will soon amend the texture of the soil. Farmers who have poor spots in their wheat field would do well to try the straw cure, not only to benefit the crop sown, but as a preparation for clover.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

TO CONNECT BRITISH COLUMBIA WITH THE PACIFIC COAST.

Adjudged Insane—Claims to be His Wife—To Defeat High License—Portland Postmaster's Report—Earthquake.

Drytown, Amador county, is having a boom.

The Puebla on her last trip north took 500 tons of fruit from San Francisco.

A cork tree in Visalia is now eighteen inches in diameter and forty feet high.

A stingaree that weighed 1,000 pounds was killed at Redonda Beach last week.

Earthquakes are still shaking Susanville. Five shocks occurred on the 29th.

A fire on the old Crocker ranch, near Merced recently, destroyed considerable grain.

The old and well-known Cucamongo hotel, eighteen miles east of Pomona, has been burned.

Frank Lankrey's house at Mist, Or., was burned for revenge by some enemy a few days ago.

A lamp explosion caused the loss of the residence of W. H. Soule, at Woodland on the 29th.

A strike in the Gover mine at Drytown, Amador county, shows rock held together with gold.

Two Harney Valley, Or., settlers are under arrest for resisting eviction by United States Marshals.

The peach crop of Pomona Valley will amount to 380 tons. Canneries get the fruit at 1 cent per pound.

The work of rebuilding the smelters for the Eureka, Consolidated mine at Eureka, Nev., has begun.

Jack Murphy, known as "Jack the Ripper," killed James Clooney at Backville, Yolo county, on the 29th.

Jose Souza of Pomona attempted suicide on the 28th because his daughter had eloped with a married man.

George Cornwall, a jockey, was killed at San Diego on the 29th. While jumping a fence his horse fell upon him.

John D. Spreckels is said to have purchased a one-third interest in the Coronado Beach Company, costing him \$511,000.

Owen Morgan is under arrest at Sacramento, charged with attempting to destroy by fire the Western Hotel in that city.

A whole family of Flathead Indians has been murdered and burned by robbers in the Sun River country in Montana.

Sutter county saloonkeepers have combined to defeat high license. Three have been arrested and warrants are out for seven others.

The taking of testimony in the case of H. L. Gorton for the Clipper Gap robbery last December began at Auburn, Placer county, on the 27th.

The fruit cannery at Marysville is filling a special order for peaches in half-pound cans to be sold on the railroad trains to passengers.

A man named Hayee was given one hour to leave Petaluma or five days in the chain gang for disturbing the Salvation Army meeting.

E. L. Cartenon, traveling agent for a San Francisco house, has been adjudged insane at Redding. He is subject during hot weather to mental trouble.

L. B. Allen and a companion, from San Diego, who left for Oceanside to sail a small yacht down the coast, are missing and it is feared they are drowned.

Tom Thompson and six other men who tarred and feathered Gus Brannan at San Pedro a few months ago, have been found guilty of simple assault.

The salmon canneries on the Fraser river are each securing from 8,000 to 15,000 salmon daily, and the largest pack in the history of the industry is assured.

Ambrose Bierce has a detective working on the Chico tragedy. It is believed by some that the bullet wound through the temple of young Bierce was not inflicted by himself.

J. R. Griffith, from Fresno, has been on a protracted spree at Traver, and rather than go to jail cut an artery in his arm with a pocket knife. Prompt surgical aid saved him.

The mats used to form the jetty in process of construction at Eureka Harbor, Humboldt county, are sixty-four feet long, forty feet wide and four feet thick. Each weighs sixty tons when ready for launching.

In Committee of the Whole of the Montana Convention on the 27th, Anaconda received 32 votes against 24 for the location of the capital. Great excitement resulted in Helena.

Two cases of death from lighting fires with coal oil were reported on the 27th. One at Seattle, Mrs. Julia Calder, and the other near Clay Station, in Sacramento county. Mrs. Arthur Ralphs.

Attorney H. G. Thompson has just returned to Portland from British Columbia, where he closed a deal with the new Westminster Southern Railway Company to connect British Columbia with the Pacific Northwest.

The Portland Postmaster's report for the fiscal year ended June 30th shows the receipts and payments of the money order and postal funds to have been \$5,427,613 12, as compared with \$4,403,074 30 last year, an increase of \$1,000,000.

C. H. Crocker has offered to bear the expense of an expedition from the Lick Observatory to Cayenne, South America, next December, and it is expected at that time to confirm and extend some of the discoveries made at the last eclipse.

FOREIGN FLAMES.

Denmark's Foreign Trade—Threatens to Run the Telephone—Tried Her Engines With Success.

Siam has begun the issue of paper money.

Railroad management in Bavaria is in bad shape.

Millais is painting his third picture of Mr. Gladstone.

A new life of Bruno is to be prepared by the Vatican.

The Crofters Commission is reducing rents and arrearages.

Efforts at phonetic writing are active both in France and Germany.

Buffalo Bill gave a dinner to Russell Harrison at Paris on the 27th.

The infantry branch of the Austrian army has been increased by 9,000.

Peru observed its sixty-eighth anniversary of Independence on the 29th.

Extensive thefts of arms have been carried on for years in Bombay arsenal.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is said to be raging in the Ternes district of Paris.

Denmark's foreign trade has grown to tremendous size, mainly with England.

Shares in the proposed American Salt Trust are already selling in London at a premium.

A German peasant has been detected in tapping a telephone wire to cure his rheumatism.

The silver jubilee testimonial to Cardinal Manning now amounts to a total of over £6,000.

August 4th is the date fixed for re-burying the French Revolution heroes in the Pantheon.

A German firm has made a contract to reconstruct the port of Odessa at a cost of over \$5,000,000.

The Portuguese who fired at Dom Pedro declares he was instigated by the Republican Association.

Dr. Schmelzkopf, Surgeon-in-chief of Captain Wissmann's African expedition, has been drowned.

An Erzeroum dispatch states that Russian troops are rapidly massing near the Turkish frontier.

Brunn, the Austrian center of textile industry, is suffering under a general strike of 15,000 operatives.

Ryan, a seaman on the Jabez Howes, was drowned at sea on June 17th. Ryan was a native of San Francisco.

Much curiosity has been excited by the approaching production at Brussels of Salambo, a new opera by Meyer.

None of the railroads in India are equipped with baggage cars and no traveler is allowed to carry a trunk.

In a recent domestic rifle competition at Wimbledon Sir Henry Halford, shooting for England, made 210 out of his 235.

George S. Ladd of San Francisco, a prominent electrician, is lying dangerously ill in a house in Piccadilly, London.

London, excited by the success of Paris, appears to be very much in earnest in her endeavor to found a grand exhibition in 1891.

Bankers in London do not care for the papers of the Prince of Wales. The Prince has not much of a reputation as a business man.

The English Government threatens to run the telephone since the business has been left to one company. France has already done so.

On account of heavy and repeated falls of snow among the Alps, the season for mountaineering promises to be late this year in Switzerland.

A dispatch from Rome says the Vatican and Quirinal are doubly guarded on receipt of information of a plot to blow up both with dynamite.

The report that Mrs. Neilson has lost her hearing and memory is emphatically denied. She is suffering from her old trouble rheumatism.

A "Guide to the Churches of London" shows that the number of metropolitan churches has increased between 1883 and 1889 from 928 to 1,016.

It is stated that at the rate the population is leaving Norway for the United States, in the next fifteen years not one will be left in that land.

The "Heavenly Foot Society" has been started in China by the women, in rebellion against the venerated fashion that compresses their feet.

It has been decided in Russia that women may be physicians; but they must confine their services to children and adults of their own sex.

British reports of the inland fisheries show that out of 77,870 salmon captured in seventeen districts 2,744 were taken by the rod. The others were netted.

It is stated in London that Germany and Austria have instructed ex-King Milan to restore the supreme power in Serbia in order to check Italian intrigues.

A party of 800 Hungarians who left Vienna recently for the Paris Exhibition proceeded, by way of Torino, to call on Louis Kossuth, the great Hungarian patriot.

Grave fears are felt at Zanzibar for the safety of the Upwapa missionaries. The Bushiri have murdered an officer of the East African Company, named Nielsen.

The Duke of Newcastle is expending nearly £250,000 in building a church in the grounds at Clumber, his place at Nottingham. It is a beautiful edifice in the Gothic style.

One of Legitimé's Generals had agreed to surrender a portion of the defensive works at Port-au-Prince to Hippolyte. The plot was discovered and an ambush killed thirty of Hippolyte's men.

PORTLAND MARKET.

THRESHING RAPIDLY PROCEEDING IN THE GRAIN DISTRICTS.

Sugar Has Again Declined—In Provisions There is Nothing Special to Report—Butter is Firm and Advancing—Notes.

In the local merchandise markets increasing activity is reported in most lines, and a good fall business is confidently anticipated. In the grain districts threshing is rapidly proceeding, and the total yield promises to be equal to that of last year, with a better profit for the farmer, in which, of course, the jobbers will ultimately participate. Sugar has again declined $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ on all grades. In the provision market there is no special activity, but generally speaking the market is firm, and particularly so in Eastern land. Fresh fruits and vegetables, activity and firmness are reported in this case; about 11 carloads came in during the week. In the line of dried fruits there is but little change to report, the demand being fair at last quotations. The butter market is firm and advancing. The local wool market is quiet, but prices are unchanged. The local grain market is quiet.

GROCERIES.
Sugars, Golden C 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, extra C 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, dry granulated 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, cube, crushed and powdered 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Coffee: Guatemala 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Java 25@27¢, Costa Rica 21¢ @21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Mocha 37¢, Rio 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, roasted Java 31¢, Arabica's roasted 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

PROVISIONS.
Oregon ham 13@13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, breakfast bacon 13¢, sides 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@10¢. Eastern ham 13@14¢, breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, sides 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, shoulders 9¢. Lard 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@10¢.

FRUITS.
Apricots and peaches 75¢@81¢, apples \$1.25@1.50, lemons \$8. Sicily \$7.50, blackberries 7¢, pears \$1.50 per box.

DAIRY FRUITS.
Apples 4@5¢, evaporated 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ sliced 6¢, pears 8¢, peaches 8@10¢, Oregon plums 3@4¢, petite prunes 5@6¢, German 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@6¢, prunes, Italian 7¢, silver 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@7¢, California figs 7¢, Smyrna figs 14@15¢, apricots 13@14¢, raisins \$1.75@2.25 per box.

VEGETABLES.
Potatoes, new, 1¢ per lb., tomatoes 75¢ per box, onions \$1.10, green peas 6¢, cucumbers and carrots 15¢ per dozen.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
Butter, Oregon fancy 25¢, medium 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@20¢, common 10@12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Eastern 22¢, California 18@20¢.

EGGS.
Eggs 16¢.

POULTRY.
Chickens \$3@4, broilers \$2.50@3, old \$5.50@6.

WOOL.
Valley 18@22¢, Umpqua 18@24¢, Eastern Oregon 12@18¢.

HOPS.
Hops 10@12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

GRAIN.
Wheat, Valley \$1.20@1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Eastern Oregon \$1.10@1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Oats 38@40¢.

FLOUR.
Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.75 @3.90.

FEED.
Hay \$15@14 per ton, bran \$14.50@15, chop \$18@20, shorts \$15@16, barley \$20 @22.50.

FRESH MEATS.
Beef, live, 3¢, dressed, 6@6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; mutton, live, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@3¢, dressed 6¢; lambs \$2 each; hogs live 6¢, dressed, 7@7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; veal 6@8¢.

Harrison's Surprise Cake.

Take one and a half cups of butter, two cups of sugar, two-thirds cup of sweet milk, five eggs, two and one-half cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls (heaping) of baking powder, and one teaspoonful of bitter almond for flavoring. Cream your butter and sugar together, add the beaten yolks and milk, then the sifted flour with baking powder, and lastly the whites of three eggs beaten to a froth; flavor with the bitter almond. Bake in buttered square tins in three layers, cut in squares or slices if preferred. Raisin filling—Take two cups of sugar, scant cup of water; put on stove and cook until it thickens. Do not stir much. Remove from stove till partially cool, and stir in one heaping cup of raisins, stoned and chopped fine, and the whites of the remaining two eggs beaten to a froth, with one teaspoonful of vanilla or orange. Place this filling between the layers and on the top.—Toledo Blade.

—Do not allow the birds to be destroyed. They are of too much benefit in destroying insects, worms and pests that prey upon the fruit and trees. The cat-bird eat and destroys pear bugs; the woodpecker digs in and destroys the borer; while the jaybird, chickadee, wren, thrush, robin and blue-bird all do good work in the orchard.

—It is interesting to trace the evolution of words and expressions. Cultivated people say: "How do you do?" Those who are less precise say: "How-dydo?" In the backwoods of Tennessee they say: "Howdy?" The noble red man of the West says: "How?" while the cat on the fence says: "Ow."—Chicago.